

St Margaret's Academy

Teachers started this week with assemblies to mark the start of spring, a time of growth and wonder about who we are and where we come from. Is our home the house we live in – or maybe is it our town, our country or our planet? We finished the week with a wonderful musical performance today (see below) and a non-uniform day for Easter egg donations for next Tuesday's much-anticipated PTA *Easter Bingo* (thank you for your contributions).

Trustee and School Leader Day

On Thursday we welcomed in our school trustees to work alongside subject leaders and to get out and about around school, talking to your children and seeing them in action. It was a really useful day in helping us understand how well we are doing in providing the best education possible for your children. Trustees reported back excellent behaviour and attitudes across the school. Thank you to them for giving their valuable time and expertise.

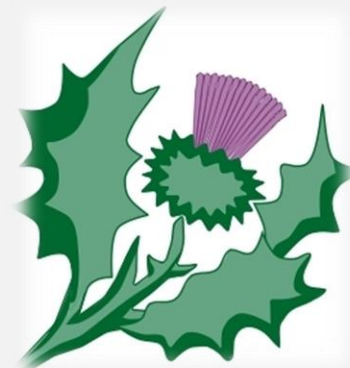
Parent Feedback and Parents Evenings

I hope you found this week's Parents' Evenings useful and were able to see how well your child is doing. Thank you for your useful feedback in the questionnaires; it's good to know what we are doing well and what your ideas are for future improvements. We do use this to help inform our provision. For example, this term we have more clubs available for younger children following your feedback before Christmas.

Curriculum News

On our PSHE Blog you can see some lovely photos of the art children at [After School Club](#) have done for Mother's Day and to mark the official start of spring. Thank you to the great team up there for inspiring this.

See the Sports Blog for news of the [League champions!](#) A huge well done to the girls' football team who secure top place in the league with a 5-0 win over Barton on Monday. A massive thank you to Mrs Scaife, their highly esteemed coach, very valued by the team. Onwards to the cup final! You can also read how Year 2 got on at the [dance festival](#) on Thursday.



ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance this week goes to

ROWAN CLASS

99 %

WELL DONE

Rock Steady! Message from Mrs Posey

We were treated to a spectacular performance this morning at St Margaret's. Tom from the company 'Rock Steady' came in and showed us what it is like to be in a band. He went through all of the different instruments and we had fun singing and clapping with him. We then joined him later for an interactive workshop where the children got to try some instruments!

Please ask your child about the assembly today and look in their bag for a letter from the company 'Rock Steady'. Every Thursday morning Rock Steady will be coming into St Margaret's to teach 'bands'. These lessons are to be paid for by parents/carers. There are limited spaces and places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Find out more here: [In-School Rock & Pop Band Lessons | Rocksteady Music School](#)

Feed a Child Torbay

Each school holiday, the charity 'Feed a Child Torbay' provides food for children when they lack free school meals and might otherwise be hungry. Non-perishable meal kits are provided for the families. These are designed to feed a family of four and can be prepared on the hob or in a microwave following the simple instruction sheet provided. Meal kits typically have meat, some vegetables, a starch (potatoes, pasta or rice) and a pudding, often tinned fruit.

The volunteers at FACT would like to pass on their thanks to our caretaker Brian who went above and beyond the call of duty, helping to carry the meal kits to Reception. On behalf of St Margaret's and FACT – Thank you Brian!

If you feel you may benefit from receiving one of these meal kits during the school holiday, please contact the school office so we can see what we can do.

Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look: <https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Enjoy your weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

28th March 2023	PTA Easter Bingo after school
29th March-31st March 2023	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
3rd April- 14th April	Easter Break
17th April	Start of the Summer Term

St Margaret's Academy PTA presents

Easter Egg Bingo

Tuesday 28th March - After school in the school hall

£1 per person per book - includes a raffle ticket!

The poster features a central bingo card with the word 'BINGO' at the top. The card has numbers in its cells: 11, 35, 4, 48, 1, 8, 23, 65, 5, 13, 7, 28, 27, 15, 12, 7, 33. Surrounding the card are several colorful Easter eggs (blue, pink, green, yellow) and numbered circles (45, 21, 6, 23, 22, 56, 5, 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60). The background is light green with floral patterns.



Beech	Leah is our star for trying much harder with her writing this week and for joining in more. Well done Leah.
Pine	Sophia is our star for her super maths this week and participation. Well done Sophia!
Oak	Lennon is our star as he is incredibly kind and thoughtful. He looks out for others and treats everyone with respect. Lennon is always responsible and he always tries his best with his learning. Well done Lennon- you are a star!
Apple	Bentley is our star this week. He is making a super effort in all his learning recently and is also working so hard to become a stronger, more resilient character. Well done Bentley and keep going!
Birch	Henry for working so hard in all curriculum areas! His effort in reading, maths and writing is really paying off. He is also a model student with his sitting, looking and listening!
Rowan	Ruby is our star of the week for her involvement during our Science work about flowering plants and for her responsible and aspirational attitude when writing to explain the reasons why and how seeds are dispersed. What an absolute superstar! We are so proud of you Ruby.
Cherry	Isaac is the star of the week in Cherry class for the wonderful explanation text he has written on food chains. He has been working hard on his writing all year and his aspirational attitude towards written pieces is impressive. Well done Isaac.
Hazel	Jasmin is our star this week for consistently showing one of our core values - kindness. You are always encouraging and supporting your peers and are a role model to all! You are a joy to have in the classroom and a pleasure to teach! Well done Jasmin!
Willow	Ollie is Willow's star this week! We have been really focusing on making improvements to our Writing and our learning behaviours this week. Ollie has shown Miss Davies and I that he is very mature, responsible, aspirational and resilient. He has truly blown us away with his fantastic behaviour this week. Keep up the good work, Ollie!
Holly	Quinn is our star this week for consistently showing the school value of aspiration. He has worked so hard on his handwriting this year and the progress has been unbelievable, we're so proud of you Quinn!
Maple	Our star of the week is Seren! Seren is such a kind, helpful member of Maple class. She is a great role model to the rest of the class, always in her seat and ready to learn. She is also such a great little helper around the classroom. Keep it up Seren!
Hawthorn	Aleen is our Star of the Week for her tremendous aspiration. She has been working very hard to develop the descriptive language in her writing and solve tricky maths problems. She always makes active contributions to our lessons. Well done Aleen!